

REMARKS

Attorney for Applicant has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 10 to address minor informalities raised in the Office Action. Specifically, claim 10 was amended to correct the spelling of the words “produced” and “separate.” Attachment A contains amended claim 10 marked to show the amendments.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of the outstanding Office Action on the basis that one of the references, U.S. Patent No. 6,380,597 to Gudesen, et al., is not prior art. Claims 1, 10, 17, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Gudesen, et al. Claims 2-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the combination of Gudesen, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,409,798 to Kondo, et al. The remaining claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Gudesen, et al., Kondo, et al., and U.S. Patent No. 5,944,537 to Smith, et al.

Gudesen, et al. was filed as a PCT application on August 28, 1998. However, Gudesen, et al. did not publish until **March 25, 1999**. Thus, the earliest date of Gudesen, et al. as a reference under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103 is **March 25, 1999**.

Applicant filed the present application on July 3, 2001. The present application claims the benefit of PCT application serial number PCT/US99/06453, filed March 26, 1999, which

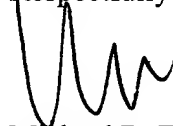
claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/079,746 filed March 27, 1998. Accordingly, Applicants' priority date is **March 27, 1998**, which is prior to the effective date of Gudesen, et al. Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims of the pending application are fully supported under 35 U.S.C. § 112 by the disclosures of prior PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US99/06453 and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/079,746, thereby entitling Applicant to an effective filing date of **March 27, 1998**, which predates Gudesen, et al.

Thus, in conclusion, the rejections of the Office Action cannot stand, because Gudesen, et al. is not valid prior art.

All issues raised in the Office Action are believed to be addressed. Claim 10 has been amended. Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. No new matter is believed to have been added. Re-examination is requested and favorable action solicited.

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ATTACHMENT A

10. (Amended) The process of claim 1 wherein the thin film active electronics are
[producted] produced continuously on [seperate] separate carrier substrates.